

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EMPIRE.

SIR,—By your kind permission, I beg to call the attention of your astronomical readers to the following statement.

On Friday morning last, the 10th instant, about half-past 2 o'clock, my attention was arrested by the appearance of a remarkable luminous body a little above the horizon, moving with great rapidity from south-east to north-west. This appearance was observed by two other members of my family for above half an hour. I mentioned the circumstance to many persons in the neighbourhood and in Sydney, none of whom had seen it.

Yesterday morning, the 15th, I again saw the same appearance, with the same persons, and at the same time. It appeared again this morning, at half past 2 o'clock, and was seen by four members of my family. I watched at it for an hour and upwards.

Now, Sir, this cannot be a planet, from its position in the heavens; it cannot be a fixed star, from the rapidity of its motion and the brilliancy of its appearance, which is far greater than a star of the first magnitude. It radiates apparently on all sides, unfolding and infolding itself.

Can it be a comet? Will any of the lovers of astronomy investigate the matter, and communicate to your paper the result of their investigations, which would confer a favour on many persons as well as

Yours obediently,

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Newtown School of Arts, August 16, 1860.